

# Novak Explains Cause Of Tainted Steaks

Last Saturday, during the evening meal, an announcement was made that the meat might be tainted. This announcement was made by Jim Novak, Director of the Food Service, based upon complaints received from students during the meal.

"We felt it was necessary to inform the students and thus we could keep the possibility of students getting sick to a minimum," says Novak. "We also think that the students took this news calmly and we'd like to thank them for their understanding concerning this matter."

Steaks that had been served were replaced by another dish, and the suspected meat was then sent to the laboratories of the Jasper County Hospital and of the supplier for tests. The results of the tests, which were recently completed, showed fecal

poisoning. This may have occurred when the freshly-killed cattle were cleaned improperly, Novak says.

"CFS Continental, who supplies most of the food for Saint Joseph's, has assumed responsibility. After we called them and told them of the complaints, they suggested we stop serving the meat, which we did, and to send samples of it to their labs," explains Novak.

Fortunately, few of the students became ill, and only one student reported to the Health Center complaining of nausea. According to Dr. Stephen Spicer of the Jasper County Hospital, the consequences could have been much worse. "A student would have had to eat a great number of the steaks to get really sick, and then it would have induced vomiting, extreme nausea, and diarrhea," he says.

Novak reports that responsibility lies with the supplier and not with the college Food Service since it is virtually impossible to tell if the meat is spoiled until it is tasted. "Also Novak assumes that about 60 of the 800 steaks served were tainted, based upon the number of complaints that were received from the students.

Novak points out that "shortly after we found out, the steaks that were remaining were disposed of."

CFS Continental, which supplies most of the food for the college, is one of the largest distributors in the country.

Continental's headquarters are located in Calumet City, Ill.; food shipments are made to Saint Joseph's on Monday and the majority of the food is served during the ensuing nine days.

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**STUFF is looking for students who are interested in writing and editing. Positions are now open for sports, news and feature writers.**

### Measure Seeks Student Writings

MEASURE, the campus literary magazine, is now preparing for the publication of its yearly volume.

Jean Anderson (so.-Jus.) and Ben Berinti (fr.-Swn.) are the co-editors of the 1977 edition of MEASURE. They would like students to submit any of their art work and ideas that they feel might be appreciated by the rest of the student body.

Anderson and Berinti ask that students submit their work or ideas to them at any time. "We would be glad to talk with students, help them with their literary works, and prepare them for publication," says Anderson.

Poems, prayers, essays, meditations, short stories, personal reflections, art work, or anything else that brings out the talents of Saint Joe students will be published in the magazine.

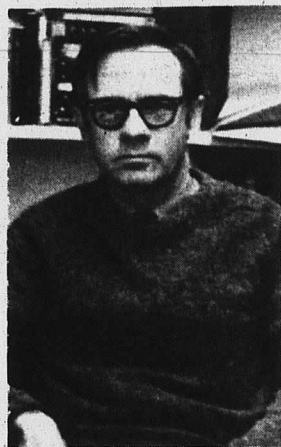
Students are asked that they submit their work as soon as possible, as MEASURE will be published this spring.

### Core Writing Program Approved

By SUE FLAMION

Last semester, the faculty assembly approved an eight-semester writing curriculum for Core which will offer students an opportunity to develop improved writing skills. According to John Groppe, associate professor of English, the new program will fulfill one of the original goals of the Core faculty by providing a systematic program of instruction for developing writing techniques.

A writing curriculum committee composed of representatives from the appropriate Core units and representatives of the English department and other representatives of the faculty will be established which will incorporate the input from various Core directors in establishing minimum writing requirements and suggesting optional forms and writing exercises which would be more creative than the obligatory forms. The new program will not necessarily mean more writing, but writing under more controlled circumstances and on the basis of provided instruction.



Groppe

The curriculum will be comprehensive and include examples of all major kinds of writing. The writing forms or exercises will be appropriate to the subject matter of the particular Core unit. Exercises in persuasion (rhetoric) would be appropriate to Core II as this style of writing originated in classical Greece. The curriculum will be developmental in that the writing done in earlier Core units will provide a basis for and build up to the writing done in later Core units.

No calendar has yet been set for the implementation of this program. Last semester, Core I students were involved in this program. Cores III and IV should have this program incorporated next fall, and it is hoped that a rough draft for all Core sections will be developed by then. When fully developed, the program could be introduced to all Core sections while providing different expectations for upperclassmen who have not had the sequential buildup of writing skills.

"We have now gone from a writing program that could possibly be broad to one that is assuredly broad," reports Groppe. "It will assure the student experience as a writer and as a well-informed reader of writing; a full range of varied kinds of writing will be experienced by the student."

### Mrs. Jennings Appointed Assistant To Hughes

"There is a necessity of greater personnel to service the increasing needs of the students and I feel that I can adequately meet these needs."

This is the feeling of Mrs. Diane Jennings, recently appointed assistant to the Personnel Dean. As the wife of SJC's football coach Bill Jennings, she feels that she has come to

know the students through her contact with them as individuals.

She is very enthusiastic about working with the students, and she also thinks that much can be accomplished. Mrs. Jennings will be working with students on various programs such as leadership workshops, in which students will learn the quality of being a leader. She will

also assist campus organizations with their many functions.

She notes that "students really have very few people to turn to with their problems, and this will give them an opportunity to relate to someone." She has been in contact with various students during the 12 years she and her husband have been members of the community, and she sees a great potential in the students.

Mrs. Jennings knows that she can be of great service to many of the students, because she has great interest in the problems that students face daily and she hopes that she can make it easier on them. "My experience with my own children has made me receptive to the needs that they face everyday. And increased interaction with students will make me even more capable of helping them deal with their troubles," she states.

Her work begins immediately, as she is learning about the varied duties of the Personnel Dean's office. She hopes to accomplish many things in the coming months, and as she says "I'm going to enjoy it."

Mrs. Jennings, a 41-year-old native of Indianapolis, earned her bachelor's degree in French and Spanish at Purdue University in 1957.



Diane Jennings, new assistant to the dean, is pictured here giving some help to Tom Kaster (jr.-Aqu.) in the Personnel Dean's office.



The Ladji Camara African Music and Dance Ensemble will appear on campus Tuesday, Jan. 25, at 7 p.m. in the college auditorium.

### African Dancers To Appear Jan. 25

Saint Joseph's Non-Western Core and Student Association are co-sponsoring an African Music and Dance Ensemble with noted drummer Ladji Camara at 7 p.m., Jan. 25, in the college auditorium.

A company of four singers, dancers and instrumentalists unfolds 3000 years of African culture, revealing the soul-reviving music, songs and dances of Africa in ritual ceremonies with an array of colorful costumes of African tribes.

Featured with the group is Ladji Camara, singer and composer of African songs and melodies. He also is a master of the Cora and Bala or African xylophone and guitar.

A native of Guinea, at the age of six he was the lead drummer in the Adamamadi Dance Company and by the age of 21 he had assumed the same role in several dance companies of Africa. Since 1948 he has established a professional career that has included six years as lead drummer in the Ballet African de Guinee.

He appeared in the film "Coneceta" filmed in 1958 in Rome and has been in television productions with the Katherine Dunham Dance Company, Olatunji and The Ballets Africains.

Dr. John P. Posey, director of the Non-Western Core program, feels that Camara is the best African drummer in the world.

The public is cordially invited to attend the presentation of this unusual group.



# Ounce Of Prevention

The incident that happened in the cafeteria during dinner on Saturday was not the fault of the Food Service.

We know that in cases like this, students are apt to point the finger of guilt immediately at the Food Service and say something like "Oh God, they're trying to poison us again!" Well, that is not quite the truth.

Like any large institution, Saint Joe's must buy things in great amounts to save money. And the Food Service, while trying to feed the many people on campus, tries not to sacrifice quality for reasons of price.

Although we cannot say that the food is the best we have ever tasted, it is not really as bad as many students pretend it to be. It seems that we have a knack of complaining about anything that we possibly can, and the Food Service is just one of the campus organizations that is vulnerable to our constant barbs of criticism. And even though we constantly criticize, we never seem to go and see the Food Committee about our complaints.

Another point would be that many of the students complained about their steaks long before the announcements were made. A comment that was overheard was that the steaks "tasted like they are coated with pesticide." Yet, this student then proceeded to devour his steak. This is what many of the students did, and this was not too smart in itself.

This incident on Saturday was unfortunate, but fortunately no one became seriously ill. Hopefully an incident like this will never happen again, and the Food Service can try to avoid it by carefully checking what it buys in the future.

We would suggest that the Food Service perhaps look at other suppliers. Because although it may not happen again, the fact that it did happen is reason enough to investigate carefully. And if it does happen again, we may not be so fortunate as we were this time.

# Letters To The Editors

To whom this should concern,

Colleges were devised to be centers of higher learning. College students, so the handbooks say, have to study hard to overcome the rigorous academic burdens of college, and thereby graduate. Yet, when I see data that shows our school's average grade point to be a 2.84 last semester I must ask, is Saint Joseph's College an exception to the rule?

I was under the impression Saint Joseph's was a college, not a high school, and that it is a privilege to be here, not a right. Furthermore, passing grades, placement on the Dean's List, and eventual graduation are supposedly honors we can obtain by successfully mastering college-level courses taught by college-level professors — not merely by enrolling once a year. Why then does our system not work that way? The number of students on the Dean's List goes up at a time when most professors admit the quality and quantity of our work is going down. Sure, we should be happy. Our parents should be happy. We are bringing home far more A's and B's than either of us imagined was possible.

Why then, you ask, am I crying? I am being cheated, that's why. When a B becomes the

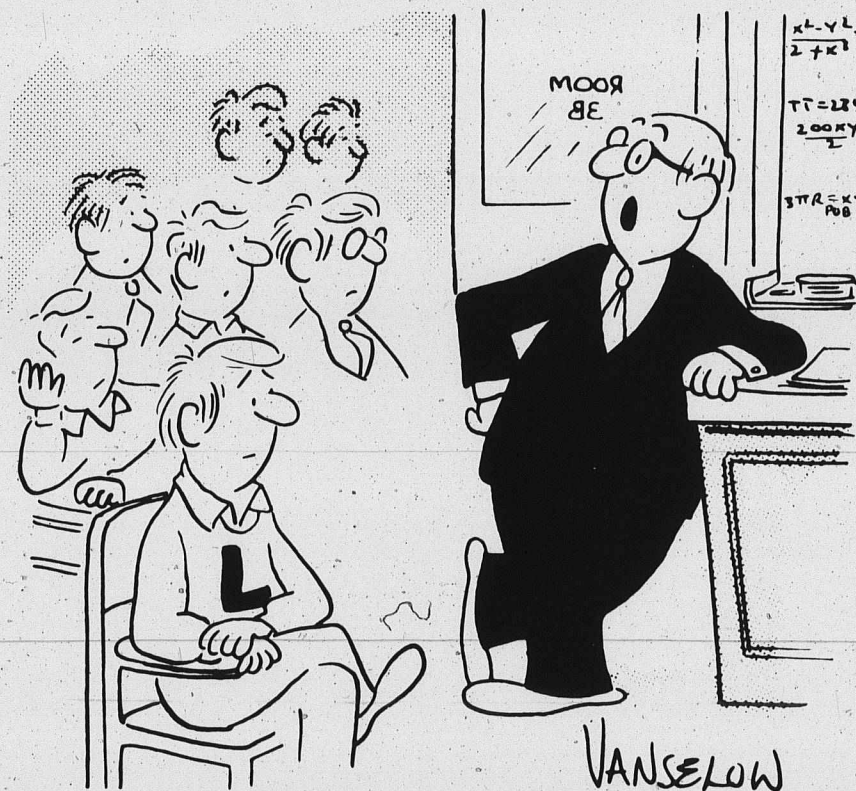
average grade, an A is meaningless. An A is no longer given for superior work; instead it is given for work that is somewhere above average. Graduate schools and professional schools can't separate the good from the bad when, by default, there is only the good available. Nor can one be proud of an A or a B when a C is viewed as the result of poor work. To graduate from Saint Joseph's College with honors means little more than graduating in the top half of one's class. Ask Dr. Robert Wood, Dr. John Egan, or Dr. Robert Garrity and they will tell you our grading system has not always been this good—or this bad.

I ask myself, who is responsible for this grade giveaway bewildered educators have labeled "grade inflation." The blame falls on none other than our misguided but increasingly gen-

erous professors. For reasons that escape me, tenured and untenured professors at SJC are becoming pushovers. I have heard of no administrative order and I pray there has been none, directing our professors to become patsies. But too many have. Core papers comprised of more run-ons and fragments than sentences slide by with C's and often B's. Essay answers that address an area but not the issue are passed over as acceptable and occasionally as commendable.

My point is simple enough. Good grades were invented, not as the ends for mediocre means, but as rewards for good work. If our professors would keep that old-fashioned and apparently outdated notion in mind, all of us would be better off because of it.

A disappointed senior who would settle for less.



"You will become exacting, able to turn out with prolific fortitude infinite strings of incomprehensible formulae calculated with microscopic precision from vague assumptions—all for your Core instructor."

# Senate Weighs Concert Motion

An emergency meeting of the the Student Senate will be held on either Friday or Monday to discuss the possibility of holding a concert on campus during this semester.

This motion, which was put forth by social vice-president Dan Clark (jr.-Gal.) and seconded by SA treasurer Phil Peterson (sr.-Ben.), proposes that funds be appropriated to Clark to arrange for a large concert

which, it is hoped, will draw a large audience.

Plans for the concert are only tentative, and three bands are now under consideration. These are the Elvin Bishop Band, the Jeff Beck Band, and the Marshall-Tucker Band. If approved, the booking will be handled by Sunshine Productions of Indianapolis.

There was spirited debating over this issue. The opposition

stated that the plans are not organized enough to come under consideration. They also suggested that the concert may not be as successful as it is hoped to be. As a result, the motion was tabled until a vote could be taken from the student body and a special Senate meeting could be arranged.

In other Senate business, the resignation of Jarlath Faherty (sr.-Jus.) as chairperson of the Academic Affairs Board was accepted and a new chairperson elected. Quinn Dolan (jr.-WSF) was approved and will assume his duties immediately.

A motion to elect Al Covelli (sr.-ESF) and George Zebold (sr.-Noll) Little 500 co-chairmen was approved as were motions to accept the computer-science club and the theology institute as members of the SJC club roster.

New representatives were elected to faculty committees. Replacing Tracy Connor (so.-Hal.) on the College Events Committee will be Max Highberger (jr.-Ben.); Terrance Harris (so.-Mer.) will replace Harry Jones (sr.-Aqu.) on the Human Relations Committee.

# VIDA Volunteers Assist Others

By REGINALD PULLIAM

"VIDA equals Life," is not a maxim stated with the intention of producing a feeling of sympathy, nor is it a phrase inferring some revolutionary new ideology towards a better way of life. What VIDA is, however, is a deep compassion and love for one's fellow man.

VIDA, (Volunteers in Diocesan Action), a program where the Christian message is brought to life through deeds, is service-orientated with a major emphasis directed towards helping the needy, the culturally and spiritually deprived, and minority groups.

Volunteers of VIDA will work in the churches and secular institutions in the Diocese of Pueblo, located in the southern half of Colorado. Some of the duties that the volunteers will have are teaching, organizing and supervising recreational, social, spiritual and intellectual activities as well as working in a clinical setting.

If a person volunteers, the minimal duration of service is ten months. The ordinary contract runs from Aug. 10 to June 10. During this time, VIDA will provide for room and board, health insurance, a monthly sala-

ry of \$100 (minus tax deductions), and transportation cost from your home to the assignment and back to your home at the end of the contract. VIDA will also reimburse you if you use your personal car in your work.

For further information, contact Fr. James Froelich in the guidance and placement office.

Does VIDA equal Life? It may not, but it certainly can put new meaning and dedication into someone's life. Why not try it and see what it can do for you?



Scenes like this could be seen all over campus for the past few days when a major snowstorm hit Collegeville, blanketing it with six inches of the white stuff.

# New Voice Teacher Hired

Vergene Miller has joined Saint Joseph's music staff as a lecturer in voice.

Mrs. Miller is a native of Oakes, N.D. She did her undergraduate work at the University of Missouri, from which she received the B.M. degree in 1968. Northwestern University was the scene of Mrs. Miller's studies for the master's degree, which she earned in 1972.

Before coming to Saint Joseph's, Mrs. Miller taught at Huron College in South Dakota, Northeastern Illinois State University at Chicago, Northwestern University, and Barat College in Lake Forest, Ill.

Mrs. Miller has won many awards, including the Fisk Award for Excellence in Opera at Northwestern University, the Chramer Award for Excellence in Opera, also at Northwestern, and the Yale University Fellowship for Young Operatic Professionals.

Additionally, Mrs. Miller has sung numerous recitals and appeared for clubs in Chicago and throughout Illinois. She recently sang Turina's Canto A Sevilla with the Dubuque Symphony. Roles in Die Fledermaus and The Daughter of the

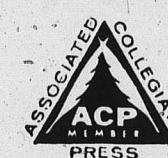
Regiment are also slated for the current school year.

Mrs. Miller teaches private lessons in voice two days weekly at Saint Joseph's. During the coming summer session at the college, she is scheduled to offer a course in vocal pedagogy, which is designed to attract choral directors and singers in the schools and churches of the area.

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# 8-7 Pumas Look To Tri-State, ICC Foes

## Women Cagers Soar To Three Impressive Victories

Men's varsity basketball is already past the half-way point of the season and women's varsity basketball is just getting started as the first month of semester two brings a flurry of winter sports activity.

Coach George Waggoner's club survived a hectic pre-holiday schedule that included 12 games in 21 days in points ranging from West Virginia to Montana, and came out of this slate with a 6-6 record and definite progress in team improvement.

"We did a lot of experimenting with various combinations, and we learned a lot about our team individually and collectively during this time," Waggoner points out. "Now we feel we can go to various lineups and assorted substitutions with additional confidence, more assured that we can get a cohesive, quality performance at all times."

Biggest news coming out of the Youngstown Tourney Dec. 17-18 and the games at Eastern Montana and Montana State was the emergence of Dave Downey, 6-8 sophomore, as a first-class pivotman. He totalled 83 points and 42 rebounds in these four outings and gives SJC solid hope it can compete with the giants several Indiana Collegiate Conference foes boast in the pivot.

SJC outrebounded Adelphi (N.Y.) University by 46-35 Dec. 17 and went on to a 75-69 win in the first round of the Youngstown Tourney. Kevin Sims (20 points) and Downey (16 points) led the Pumas' scoring. The following night, however, tall and powerful Youngstown rolled to a 99-73 win over the Saints despite Downey's 14-point, nine-rebound performance.

Downey took charge with 33 points and 12 rebounds Dec. 20 at Eastern Montana as Saint Joe smashed the hosts by 92-69, courtesy of an awesome second half in which the Pumas outscored Eastern, 61-30.

Montana State pulled away from an 88-86 nail-biter with 3:54 left on the clock Dec. 21 to trim the Pumas, 111-93. Gerry Klamrowski led the Pumas with 21 points and Downey added 20 points and seven rebounds.

Following a two-week break, the Pumas returned to action at Alumni Fieldhouse in an 81-77 decision over Wisconsin-Platteville. The visiting Pioneers repeatedly surged from behind to threaten the Pumas before eight free throws in eight tries plus a layup in the final 3:49 doused Platteville's hopes.

Last Saturday Butler came from behind in the second half to claim an 84-75 win over SJC in the ICC opener for both teams while Downey (17 points) and Ron Johnson (16 points) sparked for the Pumas.

Saint Joe built its season record to 8-7 and its ICC slate to 1-1 with Wednesday's comeback from behind 86-77 win over Indiana Central. A persistent defense and rugged rebounding were key elements as the Pumas forced 31 Greyhound turnovers and outrebounded the taller visitors, 49-37.

Five Pumas scored in double figures, led by Bobby Dalton with 17 and Downey with 15. Saint Joe went ahead for good at 68-66 on Downey's tipin with 5:33 to play, then iced the match with eight free throws, a layup and a short jumper in the two final minutes. Tri-State brings a

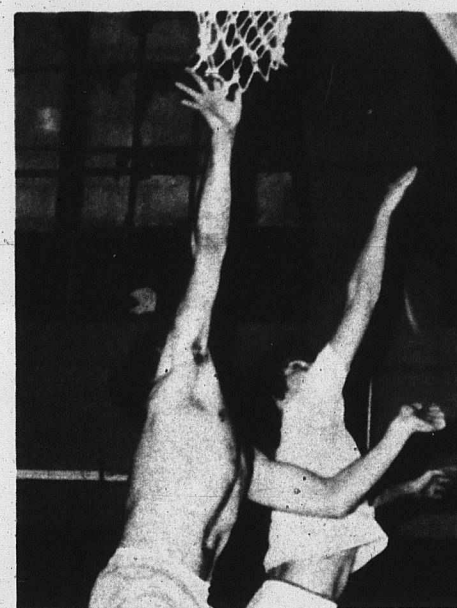
13-game win streak here Saturday.

Women's basketball started on a bright note Saturday as the Saints trimmed Huntington (Ind.) College, 61-47. Accurate field goal marksmanship, a minimum of mistakes (17 turnovers) and balanced scoring helped the Pumas. Dawn Bryant, Katie Flynn and Carol Smith had 16, 14 and 12 points respectively as SJC took a 27-21 lead at half-time and led the rest of the way.

The women rolled to their

biggest win of the season Tuesday in a 72-22 romp over Purdue-Calumet, prompting coach Dave Smith to say "we enjoyed a substantial edge in talent and depth, and we just overwhelmed them." The Pumas' bench played most of the game while Bryant led the attack with 22 points.

On Wednesday, the Puma women raised their season record to 3-0 with a convincing 74-49 trouncing of St. Francis College of Joliet, Ill. Bryant again led the way with 23 points and Rosie Vicek chipped in 16.



Spirited action like this typifies the intense competition familiar on Saint Joseph's intramural basketball courts. There's no shortage of effort when teams representing the various dormitories collide.

## IM Floor Hockey Opens Next Week

Floor hockey is the first intramural sport to start this semester and eight teams are entered in action beginning late next week. Games will be played on Saturday mornings at 10 o'clock and during the week at 10 p.m.

The teams, as they look now, are as follows:

**Merlini Bongs** — Defending champs who have a good defense with Pat Kane in the nets. To this they add their speedy forwards, who can score big if you're not all over them.

**The Sweepers**—This team has to be the best of the three teams from Gallagher Hall. They look tough, and they have it all: size, speed, and experience. This could be the team to watch if they can establish tough defense.

**Oblivion Express**—Another of the teams from Gallagher Hall, they will definitely not be able to catch up with the Sweepers.

**The Marauders**—From West Seifert, they have high hopes of becoming a winner and they may make a real bid for the title this year. They've designed a program that is a delight to read, but they will have to work hard to pass some of the other teams and unseat Merlini.

**Drexel "Less Hess"** — These guys may have the most fun in the league this year, because without their namesake in the nets, it's doubtful that they are capable of stopping many opponents' shots.

**The Slashers**—This is the third team from Gallagher, and though they probably won't be in the same league with the Sweepers, they have potential.

**Bennett AWT+1** — Bennett may have the sleeper team this year. They may be lacking the raw talent some of the other

teams have, but with Phil Peterson in the nets, all they have to do is score, and this may be tough for them.

**East Seifert Ice Pack**—The ice Pack is in a year of restructuring but don't let them fool you. Larry Loomis may not be as fast as graduated superstar Kevin Murphy, but his shot is every bit as formidable.

Spectators are welcome, so if late-night entertainment is lacking and you can't go to sleep, why not make tracks for the fieldhouse?

### PUMA PRINTS

## Coach's Nerves Suffer

Most sports these days are highly competitive affairs wherein pressures ranging from the desire to win to satisfying avid fans or alumni can and do take a heavy toll on the nervous systems of many coaches.

What sport takes the heaviest toll? Saint Joseph's head basketball coach George Waggoner and his assistant, George Post, cast a ready vote for the hardwood hysteria that constitutes basketball.

"The indoor nature of basketball, with the increased noise and closeness of the crowd to the playing floor creates much of the pressure in basketball," assesses Waggoner. "And basketball is more a game of peaks and valleys—it is hard to maintain a steady consistency throughout a season that runs as long as basketball."

Post feels the physical confinement of the coach is also an important factor. "There is no way to release frustration and tension—the coach is literally glued to that bench in basketball," he explains. "In other sports, you can pace the sidelines or the dugout, and this helps many coaches. On top of this, the quickness and constant motion in basketball add to its tension."

Waggoner points to two other factors that compound the concerns of a coach. "First, there is the home-court advantage, and I'd say this advantage is more substantial than what you find in baseball or football. Secondly, basketball is a game of short-order decisions, such as when to press and not to press, or who to substitute, and you leave yourself wide open to the grandstand quarterback."

A coach's reactions also will differ according to the relative degree of success or failure his team is experiencing.

"Something that's always upsetting to me is to realize you played poorly even though you won the game," he says. "But let's say you're winning a game by a big score. This doesn't mean you'll relax, because more than likely you'll be playing your people off the bench and wanting very much to see them do well."

Possibly the worst experience for a coach is seeing his team beaten badly, and here Waggoner says "you are overcome by a sense of futility and humility. These are the longest games you'll ever know and you're just glad to get them over with."

A coach's biggest challenge comes in the close game where his decisions can win or lose the match.

"The biggest headache for a coach is to lose a close game, because he inevitably winds up wondering what he should have done differently," Post notes. "There are many variables a coach cannot control, yet there's always room to wonder how a close defeat might have been turned into a close victory."

When time comes to make that critical decision that may win or lose a game, both Waggoner and Post say the key factor is knowing your players and their respective abilities.

"If you're not making your decisions with confidence, it's hard for your team to have confidence, too," Waggoner reasons. "In addition to knowing your personnel, what you've done previously will either help or hurt your confidence, based on the success or failure of previous decisions at critical times."

Waggoner offers this final observation on coaching: "In retrospect, I find it's easy to play basketball, because you think there's no way you can lose, but in coaching, you can stay awake all night thinking of things that can go wrong and enable you to lose."



Pumas Kevin Merckell (20), Greg Stegeman (42) and Tony Smith (52) work for position for a rebound against Wisconsin-Platteville last Thursday. Robbie Sutherland (51) and Jim Riehle (23) are the Wisconsin players.

## SCOREBOARD

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

Cincinnati 122, SJC 78  
Quincy 86, SJC 80  
SJC 75, Adelphi 69  
Youngstown State 99, SJC 73  
SJC 92, Eastern Montana 69  
Montana State 111, SJC 93  
SJC 81, Wisconsin-Platteville 77  
Butler 84, SJC 75  
SJC 86, Indiana Central 77  
Jan. 15 — Tri-State (Ind.), here, 7:30 p.m.  
Jan. 19 — Wabash, away  
Jan. 22 — Valparaiso, away  
Jan. 26 — Evansville, here, 7:30 p.m.

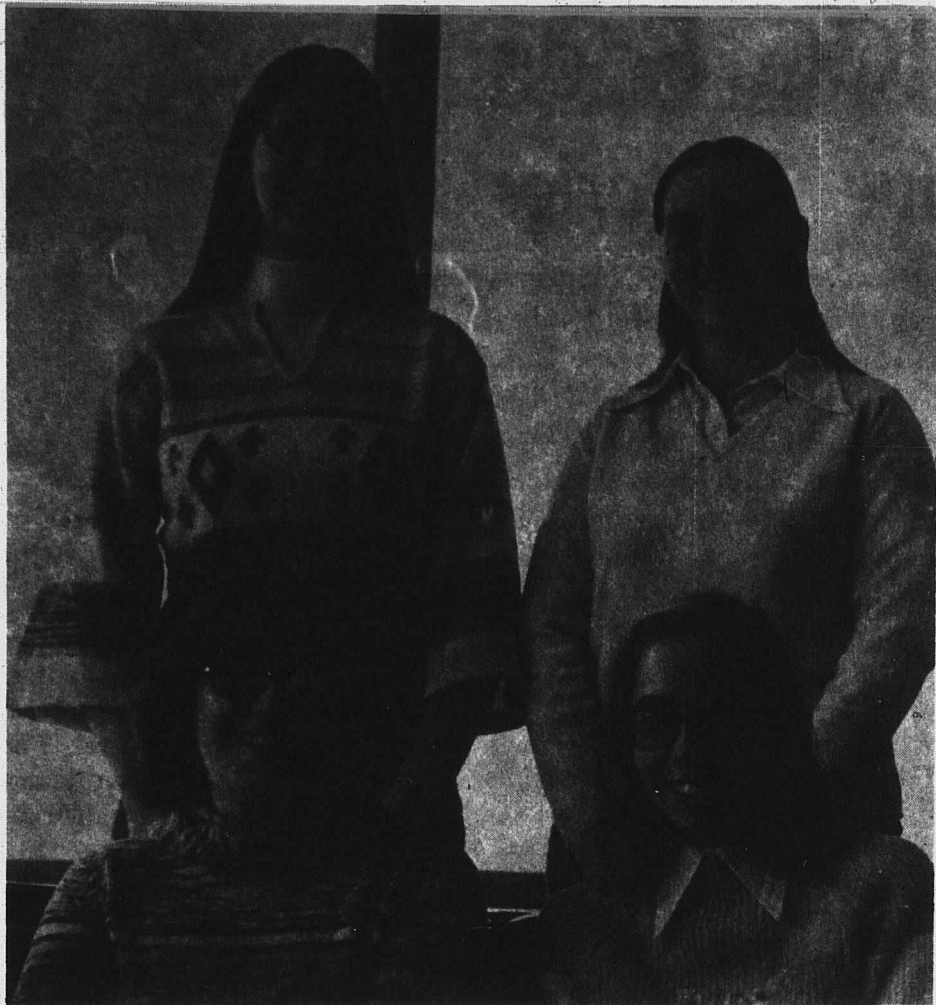
### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

SJC 61, Huntington 47  
SJC 72, Purdue-Calumet 22  
SJC 74, St. Francis 49  
Jan. 22 — Indiana Tech, away  
Jan. 25 — Notre Dame, here, 6:30 p.m.

### WRESTLING SCHEDULE

Jan. 22 DePauw  
Jan. 26 Olivet (Mich.), Franklin (Ind.)  
Jan. 29 at Wabash Quadrangular  
Feb. 8 at Manchester (Ind.)  
Feb. 12 at Bradley (Ill.) Triangular  
Feb. 19 & 20 Indiana Collegiate Conference Tourney at Evansville.





Some of the Core essay contest winners are, clockwise: Leonice Schmid (sr.-Jus.), Kathy Peterson (sr.-Jus.), Diane Linn (so.-Jus.) and Veronica Smith (so.-Jus.). Other contest winners not pictured are Liz Burger (jr.-Hal.), Pat Hickey (sr.-Jus.) and Sue Konnyu (sr.-Jus.).

## Core Essay Winners Cited

Saint Joseph's College has announced its 1975-76 second semester winners in the Best of Core essay contest.

First prize, an award of \$50, was shared by Elizabeth Burger (jr.-Hal.) for her Core X essay "Christian Traditions on Virginity" and Kathy Peterson (sr.-Jus.) and Leonice Schmid (sr.-Jus.) who co-authored "A Tale of Friendship," for Core VIII.

Second prize, an award of \$25, went to Sue Konnyu (sr.-Jus.)

for her Core VIII essay "Judo: The Gentle Way."

Five other students were named finalists in the competition, including Diane Linn (so.-Jus.) for her Core II essay "Does Plato Have a Challenger: A Reappraisal of Xenophon." Veronica Smith (so.-Jus.) authored "The New Deal in Ancient Rome," for Core II. Patricia Hickey (sr.-Jus.) authored "Africa: An Economic View" for Core VIII.

## ...short stuff...

### \* \* CONGRATULATIONS \* \*

—To the Psychology Department for being awarded the Governor's Voluntary Action Program Youth Services Award for its Volunteers in Probation Program. Lawrence B. Lennon, assistant professor of psychology and chief probation officer of the Jasper County Circuit Court, notes that over 200 delinquent and pre-delinquent persons have been served in the past three years by over 150 student volunteers.

—To Robert Vigeant, head librarian, who has been appointed to the Executive Committee of the Northwest Indiana Area Library Services Authority (NIALSA).

—To Sandra Jean Odorzynski, assistant professor of economics, for receiving her Ph.D. in economics from Purdue University.

—To Father Thomas Ryan on the publication of his book, *Orestes A. Brownson: A Definitive Biography*. This biography was a major project of his that took 25 years of comprehensive research.

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Each year a program is offered to students to travel and study in Spain during the summer. The students will be lodged in the Universidad Laboral de Tarragona where they will attend classes and courses ranging from elementary Spanish to literature and culture. All persons interested should contact Dr. A. Doreste, Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill. 61201.

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There will be a "creative corner" in the Personnel Dean's office for any student, admini-

strator, faculty, or employee to display the results of their creativity. Art, pottery, plants, poetry, etc., will be accepted and the artist may attach his name or a price tag.

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"The Ouatenton Brigade Bicentennial Voyage," will be shown by John Harris, Sunday, Jan. 16, at 3 p.m. at the Indiana State Museum in Indianapolis. This presentation is a slide tape documentation of this summer's river voyage from Fort Wayne to Vincennes which recreated courier travel of 1776.



Bob Fraser (sr.-Ben.) and Mary Bergman (so.-Jus.) show off their dancing ability at last Saturday night's mixer in the Halleck Center ballroom.

# Experimental Laboratory Meets Needs Of Psychology Students

By MARY ANN MITCHELL

For those who are not acquainted with the psychology department of Saint Joseph's College, there exists on campus both an experimental lab and an experiential lab. Dr. William Palya, assistant professor of psychology, and his wife Betty, built and maintain the experimental lab which is located in the White House immediately west of Bennett Hall. "It is a lab for experimental psychology, a place for students to work on projects to learn more about psychology, especially its scientific aspects," Dr. Palya explains. "The main function of the lab is to facilitate and implement research."

Research carried on in the lab is not restricted to students. The Palyas are concerned with cycle research—finding natural cycles in an organism's behavior and then assessing the cause of this cyclicity. In conjunction with his research, Dr. Palya has published one, submitted another, and is working on a third article for the *Journal of Interdisciplinary Cycle Research*.

According to Dr. Palya, "the lab is definitely geared to mainstream psychology. It is important that students are not exposed to psychology as it was, but as it is. We are interested in providing nationally typical offerings, the prerequisite courses for graduate schools, and the courses necessary for people to cope successfully with unique problems in future jobs."

After teaching at Saint Joe's for two years, Dr. Palya notices a trend of students to avoid his courses. How does he explain this? "Because of our grad school orientation, we tend to be more popular among juniors and seniors. Freshmen come into the department looking for applied courses. However, as underclassmen work longer in the applied areas, they find a greater need arising for some 'nitty-gritty' courses to help them to understand underlying mechanisms of behavior."

He consistently expresses his concern for the future welfare

of the student. "College is supposed to be better than four years of experience. SJC students are paying to be educated and need to be educated. They really need to be preparing for well-paying jobs."

Students interested in graduate school are not the only ones who need to study, he adds. "Good jobs go to the most skilled, and we professors have a responsibility for giving those skills."

What sort of special programs are offered at the lab? First, there is a behavior modification project with Grove School in Chicago, a school for training mentally retarded individuals to have the skill to earn money. Other options open to any interested student through the lab are electronics, computer science, or learning research. Dr. Palya describes himself as "heavily into independent studies, trying to tailor courses to the needs of the serious students." He has encouraged implementation of Personalized System of Instruction (PSI), developed in laboratories similar to his over the past ten years, which seeks to make the educational process more efficient and more fun.

Participating students have found the lab to be a definite academic asset.

Jim Zacny (jr.-Aqu.) and Kevin Banet (sr.-Aqu.) have become committed to the work in psychology. In checking out the graduate school at Indiana University at Bloomington, Zacny was informed by Dr. James Dinsmoor, research psychologist, that the SJC experimental psychology class is regarded as better than the ones at IU! Banet was also told by Fr. Bernard Meiring, chairman of the department of education, that the average SJC student's Graduate Record Examination score in psychology has gone up 300 points since Dr. Palya joined the staff.

Banet and Zacny both say that the lab is what keeps them enrolled at Saint Joe's. Says Zacny, "A lot of hard work goes into this lab, and is it fun. That is what's really important."

Banet finds its greatest asset to be that "It is the best learning atmosphere I have ever experienced, especially on this campus. I have finally found a place where I can study. And, if you are interested in working, Dr. Palya's right with you; he's really responsive."



While sitting, standing, and pacing for a few hours, I was trying to think of some lead to this column. "Come on mind, don't fail me now," I said. "Deadline's only an hour away." Several thoughts crossed my mind, such as beginning by welcoming all new and returning students, but then one sentence just didn't begin to fill the allotted space, and besides, who wants to be reminded? Well, then why not discuss the "Incredibly Weird Saturday"? But fortunately no one died of food poisoning, and besides, what's one day out of a whole semester? Then it hit me, this had to be it. One of the greatest take-offs of all time...the...but then the editors said (in so many words) that we couldn't print it. Oh well, as someone once said, "You people go ahead and have a good day... personally I think I'll just sit this one out."

Friday, Jan. 14, **Last American Hero**, 7:30 and 10 p.m., auditorium.

Saturday, Jan. 15, SA mixer, featuring **Jim Peterik & Sly Rhythm**, 9:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m., ballroom. Jim Peterik, former writer, guitarist and vocalist for a band called **The Ides of March**, possesses such hits as "You Wouldn't Listen," "LA Goodbye," and the irrepressible "Vehicle." Jim, having written over 300 songs, is sure to provide you with an enjoyable evening and one you won't soon forget.

Sunday, Jan. 16, **Paper Chase**, 7:30 and 10 p.m., auditorium. **Paper Chase** tells the hilarious and yet tragic story of how five guys attempt to get through law school. Well worth seeing.

Wednesday, Jan. 19, SA social event, **Card Party**. Details to be announced.

Friday, Jan. 21, **Summer of '42**, and **Class of '44**, 7:30, auditorium.

**The Summer of '42** is a story of growing up, complete with the adolescent fumbling and adventures into the mysteries of the opposite sex. A touching and yet comical movie which may be nostalgic for some. Stars Jennifer O'Neill.

**The Class of '44** begins where the **Summer of '42** leaves off. '44 is a funny movie but lacks the greatness of **Summer of '42**.

Saturday, Jan. 22, SA mixer; details to be announced.

Sunday, Jan. 23, **Nashville**, 7:30 and 10 p.m., auditorium.